

DDA 77-0505

28 January 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert W. Gambino
Director of Security

FROM : [REDACTED]
Executive Officer, DDA

SUBJECT : President's Commission on White House
Fellowships

As you may or may not be aware, Mr. Bush was asked by the Director of the White House Fellowship program about the Agency's interest in having White House Fellows assigned here. Our response indicated that, indeed, we would be interested; but we did point out that, in view of the fact that a White House Fellow would be assigned to the Director of the Agency, it would be necessary for the Fellow to undergo the same security processing as Agency employees. I pass this on to you for information at this point since around April 1977 we will, no doubt, be hearing from the Commission on White House Fellowships concerning the assignment of one of their Fellows.

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Attachment: DDA 77-0232, Letter to Director-Designate of CIA, from Bruce H. Hasenkamp, Director, President's Commission on White House Fellowships, dated 7 Jan 77, re assigning a White House Fellow to the Agency.

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21 January 1977

Mr. Bruce H. Hasenkamp
Director
President's Commission on
White House Fellowships
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Hasenkamp:

Thank you for your letter of 7 January 1977 to Mr. Sorensen concerning the assignment of a White House Fellow to the Director of Central Intelligence.

First, I would like to say that we are very impressed with the selection criteria and membership in the White House Fellowship Program. Also, I share Mr. Bush's feeling that such an assignment to this Agency would be beneficial to the selected White House Fellow, the Director, and the Agency. As you may have gathered from your discussions with Mr. Ben Evans, our Executive Secretary, there are certain security, medical and personnel processing procedures which may take somewhat longer to complete than may be the case with processing for other Government entities. With this in mind, we would appreciate receiving a nomination as soon as practicable. Obviously, I cannot speak for Mr. Bush's successor, but I believe that we can proceed on the assumption that he will share my interest in participating in this very worthwhile program.

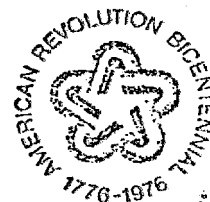
Mr. Fred Janney, our Director of Personnel, will be glad to work out the mechanics of processing your nominee and to discuss this matter further with you. He can be reached on [redacted]

We appreciate your writing to us concerning this program and look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

E. H. Knoche

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Acting Director



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PRESIDENT'S
COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS

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January 7, 1977

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Congratulations upon your selection by President-elect Carter to be the Director of Central Intelligence. The Chairman and members of this Commission and the White House Fellows join me in extending best wishes to you as you prepare to assume your new role of service to the American people.

The White House Fellowship program, as you may know, was established in 1964 by President Johnson for the purpose of identifying especially promising young leaders, and providing them, early in their careers, with a year of exposure to, involvement with, and education in the making of public policy and the exercise of public leadership.

Fellows are selected through a nationwide competition, and serve for one year. Although they are Presidential appointees, the Fellows and the program administration, including the selection process and the membership of this Commission, are strictly non-partisan. The current class, like their predecessor groups, includes Democrats, Republicans and independents.

The Fellows as a group participate in a wide-ranging program of seminars with leaders and opinion-makers in both the public and private sectors. (I enclose, for your information, a list of last year's seminars.) This broad examination of leadership and issues is focused more particularly through each Fellow's assignment, to the personal staff of the Vice President, members of the Cabinet, heads of major agencies, and principal members of the President's staff. A list of the 1976-77 Fellows and their assignments is enclosed, along with two copies of our current brochure, which more fully describes the program and features biographies of the current Fellows.

Although a White House Fellow has never been assigned to the Director of Central Intelligence during the past twelve years, George Bush and I have discussed the idea several times in recent months. We both feel that such an assignment would be enormously beneficial, to the White House Fellow, to the Director, and to the Agency, and we made preliminary plans for the Director to participate in interviewing

the 1977-78 White House Fellows, after they are named by the President in May. I hope you will share George's enthusiasm for the idea, and that we can continue to plan for possible assignment of a Fellow from the next class to you.

Mr. B.C. Evans and I have discussed some of the mechanics and logistics that would be involved in placement of a Fellow with you. I will be in touch with you in April about the precise procedures and to answer any questions you have about the program.

Congratulations again! I look forward to working with you, and hope you will call me whenever the Fellowship office may be of assistance to you. I also hope that it will be possible for you to meet with the 1976-77 class of Fellows sometime after you are confirmed, as a major part of their education in government.

Sincerely yours,


Bruce R. Hasenkamp
Director

Mr. Theodore C. Sorensen
Director-Designate of
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Enclosures

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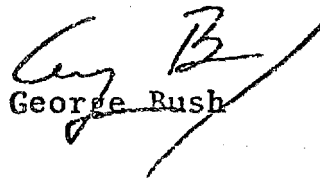
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The White House
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Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful letter and I can only repeat what I have said in the past about the White House Fellowship program. I am a staunch supporter of it and feel that it provides both the Government and the participants with opportunities for an exchange of ideas and experiences which are rich and rewarding.

The CIA would be most willing to accept a White House Fellow for a tour of duty. Such an individual would of course require security clearance for access to sensitive information.

Sincerely,


George Bush